

Dear Senator Mae Flexer, Representative Dan Fox, Senator Rob Sampson (Ranking Member), Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco, and esteemed members of the Government Administration and Elections (GAE) Committee. My name is Evan, a youth voter who is part of multiple underrepresented communities. I am writing in support of automatic voter registration. Many people in my community don't know how or have the means to become a voter which makes their say less valued.

Voter registration can be incredibly confusing and difficult to do. Many people do not know how to become a voter, I was only able to become one because of my school registering students. Without their aid, many of my classmates wouldn't have known how to become voters.

Having automatic voter registration become implemented throughout the state would help solve this issue allowing more people to have the opportunity to become voters. I would also like to advocate for expanding automatic voter registration to the Dept. of Social Services (DSS), HUSKY, Access Health CT, state colleges and universities, and other state agencies. As voters, they will be able to voice their opinions and be listened to. This will allow underrepresented communities to get the representation they need in order to get issues met.

Automatic voter registration is crucial now more than ever because of the highly political state we are in as well as the many issues people are facing. Many more people will want to become voters as more people come of age, so it is imperative that they have the means to become voters and voice their opinions.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify before you today on this important piece of legislation. I look forward to continuing to work with you on this issue.